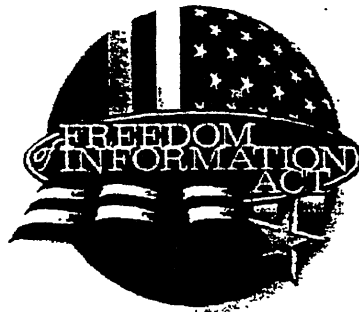




FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT Benjamin Wiley Chudlaw
FILE NUMBER 46-HQ-17381
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SAC, Cincinnati

July 18, 1951

Director, FBI

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mid-Central Air Force Procurement
District, Chicago; [redacted]
[redacted] Air Materiel
Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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There are attached for the Cincinnati, Omaha and Chicago Offices two copies each of a memo from the Criminal Division of the Department dated July 9, 1951, requesting investigation in captioned matter.

For your information this memo was based on information received by the Bureau that the General Filter Corporation, Ames, Iowa, was deprived of a \$348,591.75 contract to manufacture water purifiers for the Air Force at a loss of as much as \$95,287.41 to the Government. [redacted] Mid-Central Air Force Procurement District, Chicago, was stated to have inspected the General Filter plant and told [redacted] that the plant was qualified to produce the purifiers, but wrote a report claiming the plant was not qualified.

[redacted] Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, was reported to have thrown out all bids for the purifiers, including the bid of the General Filter Company, and then to have awarded a negotiated contract to the Hefinite Corporation, Omaha, at a much higher figure than Hefinite's original bid. Before completion, the negotiated contract with the Hefinite Corporation would total \$443,879.16, an increase of \$1,035.66 over Hefinite's first bid of \$409,843.50, and an increase of \$95,287.41 over General Filter Company's first bid.

This source further advised that an official Army investigation concluded that an error in judgment occurred in the handling of this contract on the part of procurement personnel, under the command of Lieutenant General Benjamin W. Childlaw, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Lieutenant General Childlaw's connection with this matter appears to be solely of administrative interest to the Department of the Air Force and he should not be considered a suspect of this investigation in the absence of specific information indicating violation of the PAC Statutes.

Attachment
for Omaha (Attachment)
for Chicago (Attachment)
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Cincinnati is designated as office of origin and investigation by Omaha and Chicago should be held in abeyance pending the receipt of leads from Cincinnati. Three copies of reports should be designated for Cincinnati; however, reports are not to be furnished to the U. S. Attorney at this time.

This investigation should be assigned immediately and afforded continuous and preferred attention. A comprehensive report should be submitted by Cincinnati within thirty days of the date of the receipt of this memo.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: Jul

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
Mid-Central Air Force Procurement
District, Chicago; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lieutenant
General Benjamin W. Chadlaw, Air
Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
Fraud Against the Government

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This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated June 23, 1951, relating that the General Filter Company of Ames, Iowa, may have been deprived of a government contract which it would have negotiated with the government at a price less than that actually paid by the government to another firm. Specifically, it was related that the General Filter Company submitted a bid covering water purifiers for the Air Force which [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, allegedly rejected. Further, it is related that [REDACTED] then proceeded to contract with the Refinite Corporation, Omaha, at a price approximately \$95,000 more than that bid by General Filter Company.

It may be that there was an illegal agreement to award the contract to the Refinite Corporation, in which event there would be violations of Title 18 U.S.C. 271. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if the Bureau made an investigation of this matter.

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cc Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Pennington
Mr. [redacted]

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~VIA TELETYPE~~

EX-71 Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers
Special Consultant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP2 ALM/vta
ON 06-28-2001

My dear Admiral:

There is transmitted herewith some information received by the Bureau which I believe may be of interest to you.

b7C By letter dated May 26, 1951, to Senator John J. Sparkman, (D-Alabama) Representative H. R. Gross (R-Iowa) urged the immediate discharge of [redacted] Mid-Central Air Force Procurement District, Chicago, and [redacted] Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and the court-martial of Lieutenant General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, head of the Air Materiel Command at Dayton.

Representative Gross' letter was based upon his study of the official transcript of the May 23 and 24 hearings held by the Senate Select Committee on Small Business of which Senator Sparkman is chairman. His study indicated that the General Filter Company of Ames, Iowa, was deprived of a \$348,591.75 contract to manufacture water purifiers for the Air Force, at a loss of as much as \$95,287.40 to the taxpayers.

b7C [redacted] according to Representative Gross, inspect the General Filter Plant and told [redacted] that the plant was qualified to produce the purifiers but wrote a report claiming the plant was not qualified. Representative Gross advised, throw out all bids for the purifiers, including the bid of the General Filter Company, and then awarded a negotiated contract to the Refinite Corporation, Omaha, at a much higher figure than Refinite's original bid. Before completion, the negotiated contract with the Refinite Corporation could total \$443,879.76, an increase of \$34,035.66 over Refinite's first bid of \$409,844.10 and an increase of \$95,287.40 over General Filter Company's first bid. Representative Gross observed that the Committee might well probe the Procurement Committee which approved this transaction.

Representative Gross urged the court-martial of Lieutenant General Chidlaw, who is in charge of procurement, on the basis of

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Rear Admiral Sidney P. Souers

testimony of [redacted]
Air Force Procurement and Production Engineering, who is quoted
as follows:

"We have reached the conclusion upon review by properly authorized personnel at higher echelons in our procurement organization that an error in judgment has occurred, in that the General Filter Company, as of the present time, appears capable of undertaking a procurement of the counter which was denied them.

"We therefore feel that we have learned from this particular procurement the lesson that we must be even more careful than we have tried to be heretofore in the selection and training of our personnel in order that they will be better qualified and better able to render what we consider correct judgment in each individual case."

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The letter further stated that [redacted]
[redacted] Legislation and Liaison, reported that almost 99 per cent of contracts let by the procurement personnel under General Chidlaw's command were on a negotiated rather than a competitive bid basis, to the detriment of small business. Representative Gross states these contracts total \$30,000,000.00.

Representative Gross points out that discrimination against small business is not confined to the Air Materiel Command at Dayton but that at last report 98 per cent of all defense contracts were being awarded through negotiation rather than by competitive bids.

The basic allegations contained herein have been referred to Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney and no investigation is contemplated unless specifically requested by him.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

46-17381-2

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: June 21, 1951

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT

Mid-Central Air Force Procurement

District, Chicago:

Lieutenant
General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, Jr.
Material Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
FRAUDulent GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Tele. Room
Miss Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Attached for transmittal to Admiral Souers, White House is a blind memo reflecting that, by letter dated 5/26/51 to Senator John J. Sparkman (D.-Ala.), Representative H. T. Gross (R. Iowa) urged the immediate discharge of [redacted] and [redacted] Procurement personnel, and the court martial of Lt. Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Representative Gross' letter was based on his study of the May 23 and May 24 hearings before the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, indicating that General Filter Company was deprived of a \$348,591.75 contract with a loss to the Government as much as \$95,237.41 through the manipulations of [redacted] under Gen. Chidlaw's command. An official Army report concluded that an error of judgment on the part of Procurement personnel occurred in handling this contract.

The basic allegations contained herein have been referred to Assistant Attorney General James V. McInerney and no investigation is contemplated unless specifically requested by him.

ACTION:

If you approve, the attached blind memorandum should be transmitted to the Correlation and Liaison Section for transmittal to the White House and the attached memorandum to AAG McInerney should be forwarded.

Attachments
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Assistant Attorney General
James M. McInerney

June 23, 1951

Director, FBI

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Mid-Central Air Force Procurement
District, Chicago: [redacted]

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Lieutenant
General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, Air
Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Information has been received by the Bureau from
an individual who requested that his identity be kept confi-
dential concerning captioned individuals. According to this
source the General Filter Company of Ames, Iowa, was deprived
of a \$348,591.75 contract to manufacture water purifiers for
the Air Force, at a loss of as much as \$95,287.41 to the
Government.

[redacted] Mid-Central
Air Force Procurement District, Chicago, was asked to have
inspected the General Filter Plant and told [redacted]
that the plant was qualified to produce the purifiers
but wrote a report claiming the plant was not qualified.

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[redacted] Air Materiel Com-
mand, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, was re-
ported to have thrown out all bids for the purifiers, in-
cluding the bid of the General Filter Company, and then to
have awarded a negotiated contract to the Refinite Corporation,
Omaha, at a much higher figure than Refinite's original bid.
Before completion, the negotiated contract with the Refinite
Corporation could total \$443,879.15, an increase of \$95,287.41
over Refinite's first bid of \$348,591.75 and an increase of
\$95,287.41 over General Filter Company's first bid.

This source further advised that an official Army
Investigation concluded that an error in judgment occurred in
the handling of this contract on the part of procurement
personnel under the command of Lieutenant General Benjamin W.
Chidlaw, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio. It was stated that almost 90% of contracts let
by the procurement personnel under General Chidlaw's command
were on a negotiated rather than a competitive bid basis.

You are requested to advise whether investigation is
desired in connection with the above information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/7/51

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

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Special Agent [redacted] who is presently [redacted] Investigative Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, left with the attached copies of correspondence in view of the fact that the matter described in this correspondence may well be referred to the Criminal Division of the Department and thereafter to the Bureau for investigation.

You will note the correspondence consists of a letter from Congressman H. R. Gross dated May 26, 1951 to Senator John J. Sparkman of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business. In this communication Congressman Gross points out that the General Filter Company of Ames, Iowa, was euchred out of a \$348,591.75 contract to manufacture water purifiers for the Air Force, at a loss of as much as \$95,287.41 to the taxpayers. It appears that testimony was taken with respect to this contract and according to the testimony a General in the Air Force denied that there was any criminal intent involved in the handling of this matter but that there was an error in judgment on the part of officials of the Air Force in connection with the handling and letting of this contract. It should be noted that Congressman George H. Mahon referred Congressman Gross' letter to Mr. [redacted] who informed Mr. Mahon that the matter was not something which the Investigative Staff of the House Appropriations Committee would investigate but appeared to be a matter within the purview of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Thus it may well be that this matter will be referred to the Criminal Division of the Department and thereafter referred to the Bureau for investigative activity.

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes at this time and no action appears to be required on the part of the Bureau.

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June 5, 1951

Room 228
Old House Office Building

Honorable George H. Mahon
Room 1211
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mahon:

I have just finished the reading of the letter of May 26 from Congressman H. R. Gross to Senator John J. Sparkman which you forwarded to me on June 4. In your letter, you expressed concern as to whether an investigation would be warranted in connection with the matter outlined in Congressman Gross's letter.

It would appear that, on the basis of the information developed during the recent Senate hearings, the matter would come within the purview of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Should that Division authorize an investigation, the matter would, in turn, be referred to the FBI for complete and thorough investigation to determine whether there has been a criminal violation of law.

The material which you forwarded to me is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

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Investigative Staff

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ENCLOSURE

C O P Y

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1951

Mr. [REDACTED]

House Appropriations Committee
Old House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Please note attached correspondence from Congressman
Gross and a copy of a letter which he sent to Senator
Sparkman. I wonder if there appears to be anything
in this matter which would warrant an investigation.

Cordially,

George Mahon

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C O P Y

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, D. C.

May 31, 1951

Honorable George H. Mahon
Room 1211, House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mahon:

I believe you will be interested in the information contained in the enclosed letter which I have dispatched to Senator Sparkman.

I might add that the contracts referred to in the last paragraph of page two of my letter totaled thirty million dollars. This figure was inadvertently omitted but is contained in the hearings before the Senate Committee as of the dates May 23 and 24, 1951.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Gross

HRG/y
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C O P Y

May 26, 1951

Hon. John J. Sparkman
Senate Select Committee on Small Business
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Sparkman:

I have just studied the official transcript of the 1st 24 and 25 hearings held by your Committee in the case whereby the General Filter Company of Ames, Iowa, was enriched out of a \$348,591.75 contract to manufacture water purifiers for the Air Force, at a loss of as much as \$95,287.41 to the taxpayers.

On February 8, I called for a Congressional investigation of this case, urging that the sordid facts be smoked out by the House Select Committee on Small Business or your Committee. I was shocked then, and am now stunned by the testimony before your Committee.

In my opinion, the least that can be done is for your Committee to immediately insist upon:

1. The firing of [redacted] so-called [redacted] Mid-Central Air Force Procurement District, Chicago, and [redacted] so-called [redacted] Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and [redacted]
2. A courts martial of Lt. Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, Head of the Air Materiel Command at the Dayton Base for permitting such manipulations to take place under his command.

It was [redacted] who inspected the General Filter Company plant, who, by his own admission, told [redacted] that the plant was qualified to produce the purifiers; but who then, in a complete reversal, wrote a report claiming the Ames plant was not qualified.

It was [redacted] who threw out all bids for the purifiers, including the bid of the General Filter Company, which was lowest by approximately \$60,000, and then by negotiation, not competitive bidding, awarded a contract to the original second-lowest bidder, the Refinite Corporation, Omaha, at a much higher figure than the company's first bid.

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Hon. John J. Sparkman
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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May 26, 1951

Before completion, the negotiated contract with the Refinite Corporation could total \$443,879.16. That's \$34,036.66 more than Refinite's first bid of \$409,843.50 and \$95,287.41 more than the General Filter Company's bid, an inexcusable bilking of the taxpayers.

Your Committee might well further probe the so-called Procurement Committee which took note of the peculiarities of [redacted] manipulation but approved it nevertheless. What is the reason for the existence of this Procurement Committee, and all such others, if deals like this are to be rubber-stamped? Do these Procurement Committees protect the taxpayers or don't they? The one which whitewashed [redacted] most assuredly did not.

A courts martial of General Chidlaw is merited by the testimony of [redacted] Air Force Procurement and Production Engineering. If General Chidlaw was not to blame, a courts martial would provide him with an opportunity to clear himself and fasten the blame on all under him who may have played a part in this reprehensible deal.

You will recall that [redacted] asserted, on page 185 of the transcript of May 24:

"We have reached the conclusion upon review by properly authorized personnel at higher echelons in our procurement organization that an error in judgment has occurred, in that the General Filter Company, as of the present time, appears capable of undertaking a procurement of the character which was denied them.

"We therefore feel that we have learned from this particular procurement the lesson that we must be even more careful than we have tried to be heretofore in the selection and training of our personnel in order that they will be better qualified and better able to handle what we consider correct judgment in each individual case."

The personnel referred to is under the command of General Chidlaw; he is responsible for procurement and everything else that goes on at the Dayton base.

The report of [redacted] Legislation and Liaison, stands as an indictment of the entire procurement policy of General Chidlaw's command.

According to [redacted] during the month of March, 1951, almost 99 per cent of all contracts were let on a negotiated instead of a competitive bid basis, leaving small business out in the cold. On

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Hon. John S. Sparkman
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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company received 53 of the total of 71 contracts negotiated during March by the Ground Equipment Unit of General Chidlaw's command. Only one competitive contract was let during the month, comprising 1.3 per cent of all the contracts and amounting to the munificent sum of \$1,561.92.

It would be shameful enough if this discrimination against small business were confined to the Air Materiel Command at Dayton, but such is not the case. At last reports, 98 per cent of all defense contracts were being dished out through negotiation instead of competition. Small business cannot survive under such intolerable conditions.

The General Filter Company and Mr. [] have been done a grave injustice. For the Air Force or any officer or civilian employee thereof to now attempt, as has been done, to offer Mr. [] an opportunity to manufacture equipment, snacks of a bribe, or at the least an effort to purchase with public money a coat of whitewash for their misdeeds.

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By the admission of the government witnesses called before your committee, this deal reeks with incompetency, moral dishonesty and perhaps worse.

The duty here is plain: the Senate Committee must courageously hold to account and punish to the full extent of the law those responsible for this injustice to Mr. [] and mal-administration of government funds.

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I trust you will favor me with an early reply as to the action your Committee proposes to take.

Sincerely yours,

H. R. Gross

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Cincinnati
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 8-14-51

Mid-Central Air Force Procurement
 District, Chicago;
 [REDACTED] Air Materiel
 Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
 Base, Dayton, Ohio
 FAG

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Rebulet to Cincinnati 7-18-51.

Referenced letter advised that an official Army investigation had been conducted in connection with this matter. Contact has been made by this office with the Fifth District Office of Special Investigations, WPAFB, Dayton, Ohio. A review of the OSI files at WPAFB, OSI File No. 10-297, reflects that an extensive investigation into instant matter has been conducted by that agency, the period of investigation extending from March, 1951, to May, 1951. In view of the fact that they found no evidence of fraud in this matter, OSI is conducting no further investigation in the case.

The OSI reports at WPAFB consist of three volumes, the reports totaling approximately 175 pages. These reports are as follows:

Report of SA [REDACTED] 3-14-51, WPAFB.
 Report SA [REDACTED] 3-29-51, WPAFB.
 Report SA [REDACTED] 3-30-51, District Office
 No. 24, Chicago.
 Report SA [REDACTED] 4-4-51, WPAFB.
 Report SA [REDACTED] 4-5-51, District Office No. 13,
 Offutt Air Force Base, Neba
 Report SA [REDACTED] 4-5-51, District Office
 No. 24, Chicago.
 Report SA [REDACTED] 4-16-51, WPAFB.
 Report SA [REDACTED] 4-30-51, District Office No. 13,
 Offutt Air Force Base, Neba
 Report SA [REDACTED] 5-18-51, District Office No. 12,
 Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

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OSI has advised that they do not have copies available in their District Office at WPAFB, but that copies of reports are available at the Headquarters of OSI, Washington, D. C.

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In view of the extensive investigation already conducted into this matter, and to avoid duplication of effort, it is suggested that the Bureau arrange to obtain the above listed reports from the Headquarters of OSI in Washington and refer same to the Department for review.

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Assistant Attorney General
James M. McInerney
Director, FBI

September 5, 1951

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[Redacted]
Mid-Central Air Force Procurement
District, Chicago: [Redacted]
[Redacted] Lieutenant
General BENJAMIN W. CHIDLOW, Air
Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 9, 1951 (Department file 156-0, reference initials JMM:EL:alm).

You are advised that extensive investigation has previously been conducted in this matter by the Procurement Investigations Division, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force. That agency advised that they are conducting no further investigation in this case inasmuch as no evidence of fraud has been developed. There is attached one copy of each of the following reports:

Report dated March 14, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted] OSI
District Office #5.

Report dated March 29, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted] OSI
District Office #5.

Report dated March 30, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted]
OSI District Office #24.

Report dated April 4, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted] OSI
District Office #5.

Report dated April 5, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted]
OSI District Office #24.

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Report dated April 5, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted] OSI
District Office #13.

Report dated April 16, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted] OSI
District Office #5.

Report dated April 30, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted] OSI
District Office #13.

Report dated May 18, 1951, by Special Agent [Redacted] OSI
District Office #12.

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Assistant Attorney General
James H. McInerney

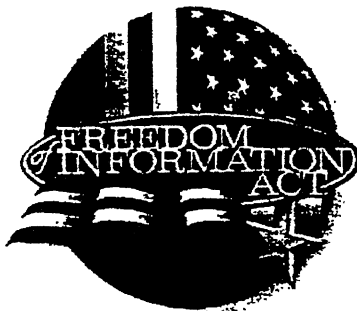
In the event that further investigation is desired by this Bureau you are requested to return the above reports. No additional investigation is contemplated by the Bureau in the absence of a specific request from you.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
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SUBJECT Benjamin Wiley Chidlaw
FILE NUMBER 116-HQ-168847
SECTION NUMBER 1



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS.—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form. All address and State.

1. NAME (Last, first, middle)

CHIDLAN, BENJAMIN WILEY, Lt. Gen., USAF

2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)

None

3. PRESENT ADDRESS

DATE

531 First St., Wright-

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Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio

4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 10 YEARS

4000 Cathedral Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

1940 - Jun 1945

Officers Quarters,
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio.Jun 1945 -
present time.Closing letter to
Atomic Energy Commission

MAR 30 1950

5. DESCRIPTION: (Check which) ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
W	6'1/4"	167	Blue	Br

6. (Check which)

☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED
☒ MARRIED ☐ WIDOW(ER)

7. BIRTH DATE

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
18	Dec	1900

8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country)

Cleveland, Hamilton County, Ohio

9. CITIZENSHIP: U. S. ☒ ALIEN ☐

IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:

(A) BY BIRTH ☒(C) BY NATURALIZATION ☐(B) DERIVATIVE ☐

PETITION NO.

DATE

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CERTIFICATE NO.

CERTIFICATE NO.

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IF ALIEN, INDICATE

ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.

DATE

PORT OF ENTRY

10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED

None

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

None

12. PERMANENT STATION AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio - Hdqrs., Air Materiel Command

12A. PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE

None

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13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

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Woodward High School	Cincinnati, Ohio	1914	1918	
U. S. Military Academy	West Point, New York	1918	1922	B.S.

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14. EMPLOYMENT (LIST ALL EMPLOYMENT DATES INCLUDING PRESENT EMPLOYMENT). GIVE NAME UNDER WHICH EMPLOYED IF DIFFERENT FROM NAME NOW USED.

Entered Military Service upon graduation from West Point in 1922.

DATE FROM-TO	TYPE OF WORK	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	ADDRESS (Where employed)
		SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING ENTIRE MILITARY SERVICE.	

15. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1890) (Exclusive of military service) None

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U. S. A.	DATE RETURNED U. S. A.	PURPOSE

16. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all membership and all past membership during the last 16 years in all organizations except religious organizations)

NAME, ADDRESS, TYPE (Include dates and any office held)

Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 2 East 64th Street, New York 21, N. Y.
Grade of Associate Fellow
From June 1949 to present time.

17. RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Wife	Lillian M. Chidlaw	49	531 1st St., Wright-Patterson AF Base Dayton, Ohio.	U. S.	U. S.
Son				U. S. b7C	U. S.
Father	William Matson Chidlaw	79	c/o Mrs. Flora Klag 132 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, Ky.	U. S.	U. S.

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18. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)			
NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN	
[Redacted] (Chief of Staff, USAF)	Hdqs, United States Air Force, Washington, D. C.	25	
[Redacted] Chief of Staff, USAF)	Hdqs, United States Air Force, Washington, D. C.	15	
[Redacted] Chief of Staff,	Hdqs., United States Air Force, USAF) Washington, D. C.	15	

19. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)			
CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I MAKE THE ABOVE STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING AND INTENT THAT MY STATEMENT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF RESTRICTED DATA. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAKING OF A FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 80, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

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(DATE)

USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE (Sign original only)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM REQUESTING CLEARANCE

NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM	ADDRESS
Headquarters, Air Materiel Command	Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES (Description should not reveal classified information)	WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA?
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.	☒ YES ☐ NO
As Commanding General of the Air Materiel Command is responsible for carrying out the mission of the Air Materiel Command which includes providing the logistical support required by the USAF, with respect to research and development, procurement and industrial planning and supply and maintenance; organizing and training tactical service units as assigned; accomplishing the USAF Air Technical Intelligence mission; and performing all other activities or operations assigned by the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.	☒ YES ☐ NO

(Check the one block applicable)

☒ FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED

☐ T-1 ATTACHED (RESULTS OF F. B. I. FINGERPRINT FILE CHECK)

☐ T-2 ATTACHED

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REFERRED TO F. B. I.

RECEIVED FROM F. B. I.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE
B. W. CHINLAW, Lt. General, USAF, Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

SIGNATURE OF AEC LIAISON C (When appropriate)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

3/6/50

AIR MAIL

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

RE: BENJAMIN WILEY CHILDLAW -- WA-14203

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy, so as to reach the Bureau not later than **3/24/50.**

Present address:
Birthdate and birthplace:
Social Security Number:
Firm to employ and position involved:

In view of applicant's rank and long service in the Air Force it will be necessary only to check his Air Force record.

CAV:mlv

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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This investigation was conducted by Special Employee
 assigned to the Washington Field Office.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

FILE NO. 116-46613

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/23/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/15, 20/50	REPORT MADE BY GUY HOTTEL, SAC JLE:ARM
TITLE BENJAMIN WILEY CHIDLAU - WA-14203			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA-A
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: REFERENCE: Bureau Letter dated March 6, 1950. DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u> The applicant's <u>Air Force Officer service record</u>, SN 0-14936, 23-A, shows that he was born December 18, 1900, at Cleves, Ohio, and entered United States Military Academy November 4, 1918, as a Cadet. He was appointed Second Lieutenant June 13, 1922, at West Point, New York. He is presently on duty at Dayton, Ohio, as a Lieutenant General, with efficiency ratings of "Satisfactory" through "Superior". He has received the following awards: Legion of Merit, Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Ribbon. His record contained <u>no derogatory information</u>. "The FBI has not conducted a complete investigation. The investigation conducted which was concluded on 3/23/50, contains no pertinent derogatory information. The result of a request for an FBI file check on, and is not to be considered as a clearance or recommendation of the individual involved." sent FcDA 3/23/50 R.P. 1/19/50 AGENCY/CCSI DIST OFF 4 REG. REC'D. 3-27-50 REPT. FORM. 3-1-50 BY JEG-ldg M.L.G. Spec. Reg. - R U C - AGENCY 100-641 REG. REC'D. 3-24-50 REPT. FORM. 3-24-50 BY WHP R.B.B. 2 cc to Atomic Energy Commission MAR 30 1950			
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ITEM 14. EMPLOYMENT (Cont'd from Page 2).

<u>DATE</u>		<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Jun 22	Jan '24	Student, Flying Training	Kelly Field Texas
Jan 24	Aug 24	Flying Instructor	Kelly Field, Texas
Aug 24	Nov 26	Engr. Officer, Supply Officer, Parachute Officer, Asst Operations Officer	3rd Pursuit Sq., Clark Field, P. I.
Nov 26	Jun 30	Flying Instructor, Check Pilot, Asst Stage Comdr.	Primary Flying School, Brooks Field, Texas
July 30	Jun 31	Student	Air Corps Engr School, Wright Field, Ohio
Jun 31	Jul 35	Project Officer, Trng & Transport Acft Branch, Acft Design.	Wright Field, Ohio
Jul 35	June 36	Student	AC Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Ala.
Jul 36	Jun 37	Student	WD Command & Gen Staff School
Jul 37	Sept 38	Sqdn & Group Operations Off.	2nd Bomb Grp., Langley Fld.,
Sept 38	Jan 39	Asst. A-4 Hq. Staff	GHQ AF, Langley Fld., Va.
Feb 39	Apr 44	Many and varied duties, At termination of tour, Chief of Materiel Division. Duties principally connected with matters pertaining to Research & Development. Aug-Sept 1942 - Tour in England for 30 days. Feb-Mar 1944 - Tour in England 30 days.	Hq., AAF, Washington, D. C.
Apr 44	1 Sept 44	Deputy Commander XII EAC.	XII AF, MTO.
2 Sept 44	Mar 45	CG, XII TAC	XII, AF, MTO
Mar 45	Jun 45	CG, XII AF & CG Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Forces	Same organization
Jun 45	30 Jun 45	Deputy Director, ATSC	Wright Field, Ohio
1 July 45	30 Oct 47	Deputy CG (T-3)	Hdqs., AMC, Wright Field, Ohio
4 Oct 47	31 Aug 49	Deputy Commanding General, AMC	Wright-Patterson AF Base Dayton, Ohio
1 Sept 49	present	Commanding General, AMC	Wright-Patterson AF Base Dayton, Ohio

MAILED

NAME CHECK

February 28, 1956

BENJAMIN WILEY CHIDLAW
Born: December 18, 1900
Cleveland, Ohio

Summary

Reference is made to your memorandum received in this Bureau February 9, 1956, requesting copies of reports of any investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-captioned individual.

In response, there is enclosed one copy of a report captioned, "Benjamin Wiley Chidlaw - WA - 14203 - AKA-A," which reflects the results of investigation conducted by this Bureau in 1950.

(116-168847)
The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Enclosure

Orig. and one to ONI
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NOTE: In view of specific request for investigative reports only, indices searched for main file references only. Incoming memo from ONI returned to that agency pursuant to established name check procedure.

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SUBJECT Chidlaw, Benjamin Wiley
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